

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

DONALD MEADOWS,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:11CR49

Judge Peter C. Economus

**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATION**

This matter is before the Court upon the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation ("R&R") that the Court **ACCEPT** Defendant Donald Meadows' ("Defendant") plea of guilty and enter a finding of guilty against Defendant. (Dkt. # 11.)

On March 7, 2011, the Government filed an Information against Defendant. (Dkt. # 1.) On March 28, 2011, Defendant executed a Consent to Proceed with Conditional Guilty Before a United States Magistrate Judge. (Dkt. # 9.) Also on March 28, 2011, a hearing was held in which Defendant entered a plea of guilty to Count One of the Information, negligently violating the conditions of an NPDES permit by failing to dispose of collected slurries in such a manner as to prevent entry of those wastes into waters of the state., in violation of 33 U.S.C. § 1319(c)(1). The Magistrate Judge received Defendant's guilty plea and issued an R&R, recommending that this Court accept the plea and enter a finding of guilty. (Dkt. # 11.)

Neither party objected to the Magistrate Judge's R&R in the fourteen (14) days after it was issued. On de novo review of the record, the Magistrate Judge's R&R is adopted. Defendant was found to be competent to enter a plea. Defendant understood his constitutional rights. He is aware of the consequences of entering a plea. There is an adequate factual basis for the plea. The Court finds that the plea was entered knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. Defendant's plea of guilty is approved.

Therefore, Defendant is adjudged guilty of violating 33 U.S.C. § 1319(c)(1). The sentencing hearing will be scheduled by separate notice from the Clerk.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Peter C. Economus - June 2, 2011
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE